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Brother to Visit Bishop Walsh in Red China Jail

BALTIMORE, July 20 (AP) — William C. Walsh of Cumberland, Md., said today he had received permission to visit his brother, Bishop James E. Walsh, Roman Catholic prelate imprisoned in Communist China.

Bishop Walsh, 69, was sentenced March 18 on a charge of conspiring to overthrow the Communist government. The charge and sentence by a Shanghai People's Court were denounced as false by Secretary of State Christian Herter.

The bishop's brother, a 70-year-old former judge and attorney general of Maryland, said he will leave Sunday for Hong Kong with his wife.

He said arrangements for the 2-week visit beginning Aug. 1 were made through the Chinese Red Cross with the cooperation of the American Red Cross.

Bishop Walsh, a native of Cumberland, is a former Father-General of the Maryknoll Order of Priests in Ossining, N. Y. He went to China in 1918 and, while still in his 30s, became the first American elevated to Bishop in China. He remained there until the 1920s and returned in 1948.

Walsh and Mary V. Downey of New Britain, Conn., have received passports valid for travel

in Communist China, the State Department said. Mrs. Downey will visit her son John, after his plane was forced down on the Chinese side of the Korean frontier. She previously visited him in 1958.

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